

## **2017 Singles Flex-Ladder Rules and Information**

Thank you so much for your interest in playing in the BTC Singles Flex Ladder. Below are some frequently asked questions about how the ladder runs for this summer.

### **1. Who can play, how do I sign up, and how much does it cost?**

A. All male BTC members are eligible to sign up by e-mailing [errol@burlingtontennis.com](mailto:errol@burlingtontennis.com). Some advanced female players not participating in Golden Goblet may be added upon Errol's approval. The Fee is just \$10.

### **2. When does it start and end?**

A. Matches are played from June 25 to September 15. The winner will receive his/her prize during the club championships prize-giving on Sept 16.

### **3. Who can I challenge?**

A. Participants will be placed into either A, B, or C categories. You may challenge anyone in your category or one above, *i.e.*, C players may challenge any other C or any B player but not an A player. Players may be moved to different categories at Errol's discretion.

### **4. How do I arrange a match/challenge someone?**

A. There are 2 ways: 1) A list of all participant's preferred methods of contact (e-mail and/or phone) will be given only to participants of the ladder. Challengers then reach out for a match. 2) Fill in your name to our match sign-up sheet posted on the tennis wall so people can see who is looking for a match and at what day/time.

### **5. Do I have to accept a challenge and/or play a match every week?**

A. No, you can play as much or as little as you want. Our point system is structured to reward those who play the most. So the more games you can play the better, but it is all about having fun and meeting other people to play with.

### **6. Can I sign up if I am only available for a week or two during the season?**

A. Yes. You can also sign up at any time during the summer.

### **7. How many sets do you play and where do I report the score?**

A. You play as many sets as you want that are mutually agreeable. One set is the goal but you can play extra if you have time. The challenger brings the tennis balls. Scores are reported by e-mailing [errol@burlingtontennis.com](mailto:errol@burlingtontennis.com).

### **8. How are standings calculated?**

A. For each set played (and lost) a person gets 5 points, for each set played (and won) a person gets 15 points, and losers of the set are given additional points for each game won in that set. In other words, go out and have some fun competing for every game!

### **9. How can we find out the standings?**

A. The Singles Flex-Ladder "standings" are e-mailed to all participants once a week.

### **10. What is the Mystery-Pro?**

A. The Mystery-Pro will sign up on the challenge sheet indicating that they are looking for a match with all player categories. They will only play one set/no ad. The first person participating in the Singles Flex-Ladder to accept that match request will get to play that set against the Mystery-Pro. If you happen to get the opportunity to play a set against the Mystery-Pro and enjoyed the experience, please express that gratitude in the traditional manner and/or give thought to booking a lesson with that Pro.

***May the games begin!***